

The minutes of the inaugural meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council, was held on Tuesday December 6th 2022 at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers.

DECLARATION OF OFFICE: The Clerk-Treasurer administered the Oaths of all members of Council. Mayor Fadden welcomed Council members to office. The regular monthly meeting followed.

PRESENT Mayor C Fadden, Councilors: A Chojko-Bolec, K Cottam, N Gate & W Lundgren.
Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt Ed Pearson.

MINUTES #22-69 LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on November 3rd 2022, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS #22-70 CHOJKO-BOLEC & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$344,871.46 and representing disbursements for the month of November 2022, be approved for payment.

EDO #22-71 LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED that the Town of Rainy River be advised that the Township of Lake of the Woods does not wish to continue participation in the joint Economic Development Officer project.

COMMITTEE #22-72 GATE & COTTAM & CARRIED that the following appointments be approved as our representatives on RRDSSAB C Fadden, RRDMA & Locum House B Lundgren, RRFDC C Fadden, LOW Recreation K Cottam & N Gate. WRRDF C Fadden & N Gate, RR Public Library A Chojko-Bolec, Cemetery A Chojko-Bolec & N Gate.

TAX W/O #22-73 CHOJKO-BOLEC & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that pursuant to the Minutes of Settlement, Section 357 & attached listing, the following tax write offs be approved: General \$7381.86, Education \$440.24 a total of \$7822.10. The General write off includes \$2132.86 and \$3712.49 on two properties transferred to the township with outstanding taxes due.

PART III #22-74 COTTAM & GATE & CARRIED that whereas the Province entered into a Memorandum of Understanding and a Local Side Agreement with The Town of Fort Frances and the nine local municipalities with an effective date of June 30, 1999, for the operation of the Provincial Offences Court, the prosecution of charges laid using the process under Parts I and II of the *Provincial Offences Act*, and the transfer of records, files, assets, revenue and financial arrangements, And whereas the Province intends to transfer the prosecution of charges laid using the Part III process under the *Provincial Offences Act*, along with all records, files and assets, through amending agreements to the Memorandum of Understanding and the Local Side Agreement, Council of the Township of Lake of the Woods hereby delegates authority to The Town of Fort Frances to execute the interim agreement with the Province to initiate the interim transfer of the Prosecution of charges laid using the Part III process under the Provincial Offences Act on behalf of Township of Lake of the Woods.

EMERGENCY #22-75 CHOJKO-BOLEC & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that further to resolution 22-40 of June 7th 2022, the Township of Lake of the Woods hereby cancels the declaration of a state of emergency due to high water levels on the Lake of the Woods.

OP #22-76 COTTAM & GATE & CARRIED that pursuant to a proposal for a joint request by some area municipalities to conduct a review of our Official Plans and/or comprehensive zoning by-laws, the Council of the Township of Lake of the Woods declares its willingness to participate.

OTHER The Rd Supt reported on road work including completion of flood damage on Moosebay Rd, the skating rink cleared of road department material and equipment and ready for flooding. Docks at Gov't Dock are winterized, snowploughing being completed as required. An inquiry from a ratepayer about ploughing on Lundgren Lane was discussed. The coffee club is continuing to use the Bergland Hall kitchen on a weekly basis. Council members discussed the skating rink boards and will not proceed at this time with a roof over the skating rink. A local contractor is to be asked for an estimation of costs to replace and or repair the rink boards. A request was received to consider providing equipment for pickleball in Bergland hall, an estimate of costs is to be obtained. Council requested the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare a report on remuneration for area council members. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on various matters including the budget, the 2023 OMPF payment to increase to \$656,700 from \$652,800, NWHU levy a decrease from \$1834.03 to \$14,473.11, WSIB rate increases from \$2.86 to \$3.10, a spreadsheet report was received from Rainy River on the past joint economic development officer agreement, the recent POA & 911 committee meetings which included a request to support a request for download of Part III offense prosecution area municipalities are seeking agreement to have a joint project to review/update the Official Plans and or zoning by-laws, the updated website is now live, tax sale profits have been paid into Court. All members will attend the annual RRDMA meeting in Barwick Jan 14 2023.

ADJOURN #22-77 GATE & COTTAM & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk